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**MARLIN OSTHUS NAMED DEPUTY DIRECTOR
IN THE NLRB'S MINNEAPOLIS, MN REGIONAL OFFICE**

Ronald Meisburg, General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board, announced today the appointment of Marlin Osthus as Deputy Director (Regional Attorney) in the Agency's Regional Office in Minneapolis, MN (Region 18). In his new position, Mr. Osthus will assist Regional Director Robert W. Chester in enforcing the National Labor Relations Act in Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and certain counties in Iowa, including Des Moines.

The NLRB investigates and remedies unfair labor practices and conducts secret-ballot elections to determine whether employees desire union representation.

Commenting on the appointment, General Counsel Meisburg remarked:

Marlin Osthus is superbly qualified for this position. He is a dedicated and highly skilled attorney and senior manager who has served with distinction throughout his career with the Minneapolis Regional Office. The Agency and Region 18 are fortunate to have such a fine attorney to assume this important post."

A career NLRB employee, Mr. Osthus joined the Board in 1976 as an attorney in the Minneapolis Office. He served as Supervisory Attorney and Deputy Regional Attorney before his appointment as Regional Attorney in 1999. Mr. Osthus graduated from Northwestern University's Law School and is a member of the Minnesota Bar. He received his undergraduate degree from St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota.

Mr. Osthus is active in community outreach activities for the Region, and has been a long-term member of the planning committee for the annual Labor and Employment Law Institute, co-sponsored by the EEOC, Region 18 and the Minnesota State Bar Association.

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